

The Unhappy History of Poland Under Russian Rule

From a Once Great European Nation It Has Dwindled to but a Province of the Czar.

FINNS and Poles alike have been difficult to assimilate by devouring Russia, the civilization of the Finns, the spirit of the Poles, not taking kindly to the tyranny of conquering Russia.

Civil strife in Poland led to the breaking up of the once large Polish territory, to the slices lopped off by Austria, Russia and Prussia, to the final entire absorption of the country by the Russians. And to-day two opposing parties, the nationalists and the socialists, seem to find it very difficult to agree on any national policy—save the one of continued bitter hostility to the Russian government.

That a nation which had existed for 800 years, been counted for that period

presence in the towns of Poland of so many German residents, and by the folly of having allowed the Teutonic knights to settle in Polish territory—whence sprang the great kingdom of Prussia. Russia appeared as a formidable and decided antagonist later than the Germans, during the reign of Ivan the Terrible, who presented himself a candidate for the new place of electoral monarch. A strong Polish prince, Stephen Batory, proved a match, however, for Czar Ivan; not only defended Poland, but also ceaselessly labored to bring about the dismemberment of Russia. This prince it was that first organized the Cossacks, a name closely linked with Russian and Polish history. A Pole was really crowned czar of Moscow, but soon the Poles were forced to give up their claims to Russian territory; a territory between which and that of Poland there was ever such a dangerously indefinite line, making fruitful cause for the "domestic feud of the two Slavonic nations." In 1772 Russia entered into agreement with Prussia and Austria to begin the dismemberment of Poland, and the Russians at once began hostile invasion of the country. Steadily they pushed on their boundary, by 1793 having made much advance.

The Polish people, as is well known, did not submit tamely to the stretching of the paw of the Great Bear nor to the claims of greedy Prussia. A national spirit showed itself now, a patriotism of decided strength. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a general of recognized merit, led his countrymen against the Prussians in possession of Warsaw, and forced the invaders to come to terms. But a Russian general hastened to the capital, the brave leader was taken prisoner and his cause lost. He was carried to St. Petersburg, and there held captive until the death of Catherine of Russia, a sovereign who did her share to-

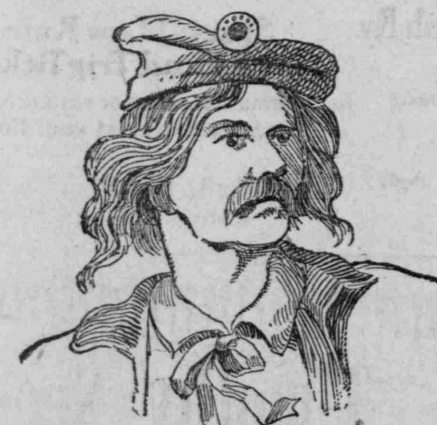


KOSCIUSZKO.

of time a considerable European power, should utterly disappear, have no longer place among the sovereign powers, would arouse even in the most indifferent some degree of wonder. It is not easy to attempt in a limited space to give explanation of the steps leading to the fall of Poland, but a review of some of the causes, a glance at some important events in the long period of its life, may suggest the outline of the story. The history of Poland as a nation is a story of great heroes and of interested plotters, of noble arrayed against peasant, of foreign interference and foreign spoliation, of a disrupted, distressed land albeit a fairly rich, fertile one. Back in the middle of the seventeenth century the territory extended from the Baltic to the Carpathian mountains, had an area of almost 300,000 square miles, about seven times its extent to-day. It was a diversified land of good soil, fine timber, wide pasturage, and of no small mineral wealth, and its people, especially along in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, enjoyed a high measure of prosperity. The nobles lived in luxury, music and learning were made much of, the state was a dominant power.

About the middle of the sixteenth century the government took a step leading to disaffection among a large body of the people, inaugurated a change from the hereditary monarchy to an elective crown. To settle the strife arising from this radical move, the aggrieved party would call upon an outside nation to assist in the ensuing war, and the ally seldom failed to demand a share of the spoils when victory came the right way.

Another weakness leading to Poland's downfall was the lack of a middle class, "that bulwark of a na-



POLISH KOSYNIER IN THE TIME OF KOSCIUSZKO.

tion;" ruling noble and peasant serf forming the two Polish classes, the trading Jews standing apart by themselves. Little by little the noble encroached upon the peasants' few rights, and pitiable indeed became the condition of this large body of people. Naturally there was not much in their situation to foster patriotism for their native land. The lord had power of life and death over his serf; if a master killed a serf, a fine freed him. Each noble was master in his own territory, and in time became wholly self-absorbed, he, too, lacking in national patriotism. The clergy, also, had no small part in Poland's downfall, being intolerant, given to persecution of other sects; dealing summarily with the Greek Catholics and adding fuel to the enmity of Russia, persecuting the Protestants, and arousing the hatred of Germany, and want of a natural frontier made possible, and invited, encroachments of conquerors from without.

Poland and Germany were at odds from the first, in the early days of Polish dependency on Germany; and the hostility was furthered by the



GRAND DUKE CONSTANTINE.

wards the enslaving of the Polish nation.

(Kosciuszko is a son of Poland whose name ever will be a popular one in America. When we were at war with England the Polish patriot came to our assistance, entering our army as a volunteer, and displaying distinguished bravery at the battles of Saratoga and Yorktown. Gen. Washington made him a brigadier, and he was appointed governor of West Point. As brigadier general he served his own country nobly, but Russian influence forced him into exile. On his return to Poland, he zealously and untiringly labored to free his nation from the threatening ruin, but was forced to give up all hope.)

A figure pitifully contrasting with the patriot, Kosciuszko, is that of Stanislaus, the puppet king in whose reign ended Poland's career as an independent nation. He was a cultured, accomplished man, but lacking in force and spirit. The proud Polish nobility, however, did not submit tamely to the Russian rule, and in 1830 insurrection broke out, the plot including the seizure of the Russian grand duke, Constantine, in the palace at Warsaw. Plots in succeeding years resulting in failure, these movements brought upon Poland sad disaster, added oppression.

Poland's modern record is, in brief, as follows: A separate constitution, 1815-'30, and a separate government, 1830-'64; in the latter year loss of administrative independence, and four years afterward it becomes an integral part of Russia. The Russians vigorously endeavored to stamp out the Polish spirit of restlessness under restraint, the use of the Polish language was prohibited and the trial by jury done away with. Two acts on Russia's part especially obnoxious to the Poles, with their old civilization, their long history as an independent nation.

The territory comprising the region at present bearing the name of Poland is an area of 49,159 square miles and has a population of 10,000,000. Poles form the bulk of the inhabitants; amongst the other races there are many Germans, Jews and Lithuanians. As to religion, the Poles are chiefly Roman Catholics; next to these in number come members of the Greek Catholic church, and the Germans generally are of the Protestant faith.

KATHERINE POPE.

TOLD OF THE TITLED.

Emperor William mounts his horse by means of a carpet covered stepladder. One of King Edward's little human weaknesses is said to be a fondness for witnessing a fire.

The kaiser has become an ardent violinist, and practices diligently and exuberantly at every opportunity.

Lady Rachel Dudley, of the Vice Regal lodge of Dublin, Ireland, has founded the Lady Dudley fund for district nurses for service in the poorest parts of Ireland.

The wives of the young sultan of Morocco are of every shade of skin, from the white Circassian to the Venus of the Niger. Their board and lodging form an insignificant item in comparison with the amount of perfume they consume.

The Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, is the fifth husband of his wife, Taitu, who once was a great beauty. Her first husband was one of King Theodore's generals, her second she divorced, her third was killed by King John, her fourth was "removed," and in 1883 she married Menelik.

Anna Gould, Countess de Castellane, has some much-named children. They are named in a petition signed by the countess as Marie Jean Jay George Paul Ernest Boniface de Castellane, George Gustave Marie Antoinette Boniface Charles de Castellane and Jason Honore Louis Sever de Castellane.

It is probable that Lord Curzon could give some amusing instances of English as it is written by subordinate officials to India. But it is not likely that any of them would call the experience of a certain high official out there who once received a letter commencing "Your most striking excellency." The scribe simply meant "distinguished."

RAILROAD BATTLE.

By suing a number of railroads for back taxes, the city of Memphis expects to raise \$1,000,000.

The Boston & Maine railroad has been compelled to cut rates to meet the competition of the trolley lines.

Statistics show that in Virginia railroad employees average \$12.50 a year less than they were being paid five years ago. Nicaragua will assist in constructing a railway line across her territory as a substitute for the proposed isthmian canal.

The length of the railways in Canada on June 30, 1903, was 19,836 miles. Of this 19,077 miles were operated by steam and 759 by electricity.

The passenger engines formerly cost more on account of the embellishment. Now the freight engines are more expensive because they are heavier.

The Canadian Pacific railway is opening a large anthracite coal mine at Banff, Northwest Territory, and invites tenders for driving a tunnel 1,200 feet long.

A provision of \$230,000 has been made by the Paris underground railway out of its year's profits to meet liabilities arising out of the accident in August last year, when nearly 100 lives were lost.

A train on the Great Western railway recently eclipsed all records for the conveyance of American mail between Plymouth and London, covering the distance of 247 miles in 237 minutes. The last 118 miles of the run were made in 99 minutes.

HUMOROUS AND WITTY.

Of course, being a "favorite son" is a mighty pleasant job, but sometimes it is awful hard to make good.

The trouble with the weather nowadays is principally that it continually persists in raining between rains.

A woman often believes in her husband because he proved his sound sense and good judgment in marrying her.

There is a great deal of pretense in the culture of some people. They carry an imitation gold case in a chamois bag.

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Aug. 17.
CATTLE—Common \$2 75 @ 3 85
Heavy steers 5 10 @ 5 40
CALVES—Extra 6 00 @ 6 00
HOGS—Ch. packers 5 45 @ 5 50
SHEEP—Extra 3 45 @ 3 50
LAMBS—Extra 6 10 @ 6 25
FLOUR—Spring pat. 5 50 @ 5 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 04 @ 1 04
No. 3 winter 98 @ 98
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 55½ @ 56
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 33½ @ 33½
RYE—No. 2 71 @ 73
HAY—Ch. timothy 14 00 @ 14 00
PORK—Mess 12 10 @ 12 10
LARD—Steam 6 42½ @ 6 42½
BUTTER—Ch. dairy 20 @ 20
Choice creamery 2 75 @ 3 25
APPLES—Choice 1 90 @ 2 00
POTATOES—Per bbl 1 90 @ 2 00
TOBACCO—New 5 25 @ 12 25
Old 4 75 @ 14 50

Chicago.
FLOUR—Winter pat. 4 70 @ 4 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 07½ @ 1 09½
No. 3 spring 1 00 @ 1 08
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 50½ @ 50½
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 32½ @ 32½
RYE—No. 2 74 @ 74
PORK—Mess 11 57½ @ 11 62½
LARD—Steam 6 80 @ 6 82½

New York.
FLOUR—Win. str. 4 65 @ 4 85
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 11½ @ 1 11½
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 38½ @ 39½
PORK—Family 14 50 @ 15 00
LARD—Steam 7 25 @ 7 25

Baltimore.
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 04½ @ 1 04½
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 58½ @ 58½
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 41 @ 41
CATTLE—Steers 5 40 @ 5 60
HOGS—Western 6 50 @ 6 50

Louisville.
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 98 @ 98
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 57 @ 57
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 42 @ 42
LARD—Steam 7 75 @ 7 75
PORK—Mess 13 50 @ 13 50

Indianapolis.
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 02 @ 1 02
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 54½ @ 54½
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 32½ @ 32½

SAVED FOR THE FISH TRADE

He Had Too Much Intellect to Be "Hove Away" on a Doctor.

The fish-man drove into the yard a few days after the new summer residents had taken possession of their home, and seeing an open door he stepped in and confronted the mistress of the house, relates Youth's Companion.

"Gettin' settled, I s'pose," he said, agreeably, allowing his gaze to wander from two half-unpacked trunks to a table loaded with miscellaneous articles. "Well, take your time, take your time; there's plenty of it up here! I understand your husband's a doctor, ma'am?"

"Yes, he is," said the summer resident, who in spite of warnings from city neighbors that she had better display no haughtiness of spirit under questioning, was unable to put much cordiality into her tone.

"Well, now, I come near bein' a doctor," said the fish-man, still with a wandering gaze. "My folks wanted I should be one, all exceptin' of an aunt that had money, and was looked to to help me out financially if I took up with a profession. She spent one summer here, and she made a reg'lar study of my character an' parts, and at the end of the season she up an' told my folks that 'twouldn't do, I must go into business."

"That boy has got too much intellect to be hove away on a doctor," she said; those were her very words. Now how would you like a couple o' good mack'ral all slit up an' ready for the br'ler?"

Voice from Arkansas.

Cleveland, Ark., August 15 (Special).—Nearly every newspaper talks of some wonderful cure of some form of Kidney Disease by the Great American Remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills, and this part of Arkansas is not without its share of evidence that no case is too deeply rooted for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure.

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Think It Over.

Brander Matthews was at the phone the other day bidding good-by to a friend who was to sail the next day for Europe.

"I sail to-morrow on the Celtic," came over the wire, the steamship's name being pronounced "Keltic."

"You'd better pronounce that Celtic," replied the professor of belles lettres. "If you don't you'll be having hard seas all the way over."—N. Y. Times.

Rasping Retort.

"My ancestors came over in the Mayflower," said the young woman who boasts.

"Yes," answered Mrs. Packinham, of Chicago. "I understand that travel was very cheap on that boat."—Washington Star.

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